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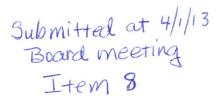
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The Honorable David Pendergrass Mayor, City of City of Sand City Chair of the Board Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 5 Harris Court Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Strategic Planning Workshop Item 8. Consideration of 2013-14 One-Year and Three-Year Goals (#3) Work with Community to Protect Investment in Water Credits And "Smart" Development - **SUPPORT** 

Dear Mr. Chair and MPWMD Board Members:

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, a nonprofit business association with 800 members, strongly supports initiatives to protect water credits until the CDO is lifted.

We are particularly concerned that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District makes every effort to extend water credits that are expected to expire during the CDO period. One critical example is the need to extend residential water credits for low flow fixtures when they become mandatory. Without such extension, residential remodels that involve water will be put on hold indefinitely. That would affect many construction jobs that are still in recovery mode since the Great Recession.

Thank you for your consideration and support of these measures, which support a strong local economy.

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Sincerely,

Jody Hansen

President and CEO